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Dear Mr. Glazer and Col. Lee:

We have reviewed the Gulf IntraCoastal Constructors (GIC) March 25, 2010, letter which provides a detailed account of the wetland restoration actions taken on the Barataria Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve, within the Bayou aux Carpes Clean Water Act Section 404(c) site. We find that the initial documentation of the wetland restoration work, the revised construction procedures, and the improved employee training program are complete. All of the mitigation work was implemented by GIC and their contractors in a timely manner and to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 and the National Park Service (NPS).

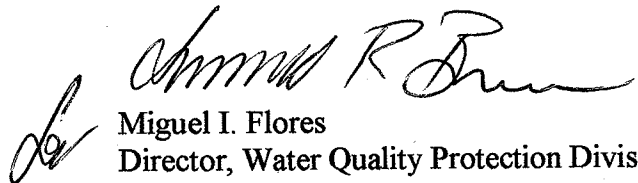
The fence construction was completed quickly and appears to be adequately maintained. Both the tallow control and the tree plantings were conducted and completed according to specifications agreed to by EPA and the NPS, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The field work was inspected and approved by the NPS.

The remaining tasks are three-fold. First, the NPS will conduct a follow up inspection following the start of the next growing season (or at another time determined by the NPS) to determine the effectiveness of the tallow treatment, to be followed by an additional treatment by GIC at the discretion of the NPS. Second, GIC will conduct a follow up inspection to determine the survivability of the tree plantings and the vegetative characteristics of the restored area, to be completed one year from now. Third, a final report documenting the findings from both the tallow treatment and the plantings shall be submitted by GIC to EPA and NPS by April 1, 2011.

Finally, for the duration of the work effort on the West Closure Complex floodwall and associated structures, we advise the Corps and all of their contractors and GIC and their contractors to continue to adhere to the supervisory procedures and onsite work standards established by GIC and the Corps for all construction activities that could impact the Bayou aux Carpes Clean Water Act Section 404(c) area.

Your thorough attention to this matter and coordination with our office throughout this incident is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: NPS
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